Vigilance Committees established by the Police Department.

59 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Vigilance Committees have been established by the Police Department; and

(*b*) if so, the respective qualifications of the persons appointed to them?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No specific qualification is prescribed, but the members should be respectable men who are willing to do honorary work in the matter of helping the police in their duties.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : സർ, വിജിലൻസുകമ്മറിയിൽഅന്ന ദ്യോഗസ്ഥമെമ്പറന്മാരെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതു് ആരാണു്?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരാണു്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : പൊതുജനസമ്മതത്തെ മുൻനിറുത്തിയാണോ ഈ നിയമനം നടത്തുന്നതു്. അതല്ല അതില്ലാത്തവരേയും നിയമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : രണ്ടുവിധത്തിലുമുള്ള ആളുകളെ നിയമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഇപ്പോൾ ഇവിടെ ആകെ എത്ര വിജിലൻസു കമ്മിറിറികൾ ഉണ്ടു്.

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : വുനൽ വിജിലൻസുകമ്മറാകെ ഉണ്ടു്.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Town*): I heard the Police Commissioner say that it *seems* only respectable men are nominated to Vigilance Committees. In view of that, may I know whether the Police Commissioner can say definitely whether it is the Police Commissioner that appoints members to Vigilance Committees?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: So far as I know I have already answered the question. But I have not studied the question further.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know how long it will take for him to go into the question relating to his department?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I claim notice.

MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Thiruvalla*): Am I to understand that the persons to be appointed as members will be of a lower rank than the Inspectors?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I cannot say now.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know from the member what the functions and powers of the Vigilance Committee are?

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MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (i) to aid the local Police in carrying out their duties in regard to crime and criminals.

(ii) to report promptly to the local police any information regarding the occurrence of crime.

(iii) to keep a look out for suspicious strangers, night prowlers, gangs and their supernumeraries and members of the criminal tribes and to report to the local police any information regarding such persons.

(iv) to take such immediate steps in regard to crime and criminals as the law empowers them to do.

(v) to help the police in the investigation, prevention and detection of crime generally and in tracing and apprehending persons wanted.

(vi) to communicate to the V. V. Cs. of the neighbouring villages any information regarding crime and criminals that may affect such villages.

(vii) to report any movements or suspicious activities of known bad characters and any information regarding stolen property.

(viii) to see that the village or parts of it are patrolled by night when circumstances require it.

(ix) to take such steps as are feasible to prevent rowdiyism gambling and street offences:

(x) to encourage by personal example and by precept, all members of the village community to give individually and collectively to the V. V. C. and to the police such assistance as will establish cordial co-operation between the police and the public.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Sherla'a*): May I know whether they have received complaints about committee members?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I have not gone into that question.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the Government have received complaints that the Committee members are an additional source of trouble?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: The matter will be looked into.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know from the member whether the Government will appoint only very respectable men of the locality as members of the Committee?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Yes. The Government are anxious to appoint only respectable men in Vigilance Committees.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): പോലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ സേവകരായി നടക്കുന്നതല്ലാളികളെ വിജിലൻസ് കമ്മറ്റിയിൽ നിയമിക്കുന്നതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): ൻ o –ാം വകുപ്പിന് കേസെടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളവരെ വിജിലൻസ് കമ്മറ്റിയിൽ നിയമിക്കുന്നു എന്ന് വല്ല പരാതിയും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : ഇതുവരെ അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു പരാതി കേട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : ഭാരതപത്രികയിലും മലയാളിയിലും തല്വടം എന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു് അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരെ നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു എന്ന് ലേഖനം എഴുതിയിരിക്കുന്നതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : അതെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാം.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovola* cum *Agastisvaram*): May I know whether it is a fact that copies of the Police Gazette are not given to certain Officers of the Department?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I am not sure.

The Edalakudy Police Station.

60. * MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Edalakudy Police Station maintains at present a petition register; and

(*b*) whether all petitions are entered in that register as soon as received?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR Is the member aware that petitions received in the Edalakudi Police Station are not entered in the petition register?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I have not received any complaints about that.

Manufacture of mats and mattings.

61. *MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the coir-yarn exported from Travancore is used for the manufacture of mats and mattings in the foreign countries?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): Yes, a good proportion of it is used for this purpose.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the export of coir yarn is on the increase as compared with the figures of previous years?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I claim notice.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the foreign countries are in a position to put in the market mats at a lesser price than ours on account of the export of coir yarn?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I understand sometimes it is so.

MR. V. K. VELAYUDHAN (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know whether the export of coir yarn has a subversive effect on our mats and matting industry?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I cannot say.

Grant-in-aid special training classes conducted by the Industries Department.

62. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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